

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS
CLASSES REPEAL) BILL 2011**

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I am writing to express my concern that the option of an ethics class during scripture time in our primary school is under threat.

I am personally a Christian and my children attend the Anglican scripture lessons during scripture time at their school. They have many friends whose parents choose, as is their right, to not allow them to attend scripture. I feel it would be so much more beneficial for these children to attend an ethics class during this time. In fact I would be most happy to see ethics classes offered to all children in the school. However as a compromise, it is vital that the ethics classes are not withdrawn from our school. In our fast paced, busy world I think it is important that all children have time to consider questions of morality, empathy and society in a friendly, non confrontational environment. Because families are so busy these days with work and activities I think there are times when children have questions or dilemmas that go past without acknowledgment, and a great opportunity for growth as a person passes. Schools should continue the classes to help facilitate an open, safe environment for children to explore these issues.

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